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SUBJECT: SIND CHIEF MINISTER RESIGNS

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1. LONG-RUMORED RESIGNATION OF SIND CHIEF MINISTER MUMTAZ ALI BHUTTO (REFTELS) OCCURRED DECEMBER 18 WHEN CHIEF MINISTER ANNOUF ED HIS RESIGNATION IN KARACHI. FOLLOWING ACCEPTANCE RESIGNATION IT ANNOUNCED GOP MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND POLITICAL AFFAIRS, GHULAM MUSTAFA JATOI TO BE NEW CHIEF MINISTER. RESIGNATION OF JATOI'S YOUNGER BROTHER AS PROVINCIAL MPA LAST WEEK CLEARS WAY FOR JATOI'S ELECTION PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY WHICH REQUIRED IF HE TO RETAIN OFFICE PAST FEBRUARY 1974, THE END OF 6-MONTH EXEMPTION PERIOD PERMITTING MNAS TO SERVE IN PROVINCIAL MINISTERIAL POSTS. CHIEF MINISTER'S RESIGNATION EXPECTED TO BE FOLLOWED BY EXTENSIVE CHANGES IN SIND CABINET WHICH LIKELY TO BE ANNOUNCED NEXT WEEK.

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2. COMMENT: OVER PERIOD OF SEVERAL MONTHS THERE HAVE BEEN RUMORS THAT MNA MUMTAZ ALI BHUTTO, COUSIN OF PRIME MINISTER BHUTTO, WHO HAS SERVED AS PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICER IN SIND SINCE HIS APPOINTMENT AS GOVERNOR DECEMBER 24, 1971, HAD FALLEN OUT WITH PRIME MINISTER AND WAS TO BE REPLACED. THUS, MUMTAZ'S RESIGNATION CAUSING LITTLE STIR IN PROVINCE AND IS BEING DOWELCOMED BY MANY, INCLUDING SOME PROVINCIAL MINISTERS, UNHAPPY WITH CHIEF MINISTER'S BRUSQUE, DOMINEERING MANAGEMENT OF PROVINCIAL AFFAIRS AND PROVINCE'S REFUGEES WHO BELIEVE HIM TO BE BASICALLY STRONG PRO-SINDHI ADVOCATE. NEW CHIEF MINISTER, ALSO AN ELECTED PPP MNA, GHULAM MUSTAFA JATOI, OPERATES IN LESS ABRASIVE STYLE, IS LOOKED UPON WITH MORE FAVOR BY PROVINCE'S REFUGEE COMMUNITY, AND LIKELY TO BE MORE EFFECTIVE IN CENTRAL AND SOUTHERN SIND WITH LOCAL PPP FIGURES UNHAPPY WITH MUMTAZ. IT ALSO EXPECTED JATOI WILL BRING BACK TO PPP FOLD MPA RASUL BUX TALPUR AND HIS BROTHER MNA MIR ALI AHMAD TALPUR OF HYDERABAD WHO DRIFTED AWAY FROM PPP WHILE PROVINCE UNDER MUMTAZ'S STEWARDSHIP. ON BALANCE JATOI'S INSTALLATION AS SIND CHIEF MINISTER LIKELY TO PROVE A POLITICAL PLUS FOR PPP IN THE PROVINCE.

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